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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Kowloon Riots

There is little reason to doubt that last Saturday's Nathan Road riots were instigated by political hoodlums who had no intention of allowing an orderly dispersal of the large crowd at Tsimshatsui after it had been announced that the Tung Tau Comfort Mission from Canton would not be arriving. In fact the methods employed by these agents provocateurs suggest they would have started off a similar demonstration even if the Comfort Mission had arrived at the border and had been allowed entry into the Colony. The Chinese Communists have persistently endeavored to make a political issue out of the Tung Tau squatter fire. Their propaganda has been insidious and suggestive, and the whole idea of sending a Comfort Mission was to give further expression to an agitation cooked up by the propagandists. The riots, significantly, were directed in the main against the Police; it was lawful authority which the agitators set out principally to challenge. The attempt failed because of the prompt and resolute behaviour of the Police. Their attitude and actions were exemplary, proving once again their splendid discipline and steadiness when confronted by an emergency. As a result, public confidence in the Police Force is greater at this moment than ever before.

WHILE the political motive behind the Kowloon demonstration is fairly obvious, it is also important to appreciate to what extent the large crowd of Chinese trade unionists, who had assembled in good faith and cheerful temper to welcome the Comfort Mission, had been misled and misinformed by their own leaders. The Hongkong Government statement of facts makes it clear that the leaders of local trade unions and other organisations were well aware on Saturday morning firstly, that Canton had decided not to send down a Comfort Mission, and secondly that if such a mission arrived at the border it would not be permitted entry into Hongkong. The knowledge was withheld from the rank and file and this undoubtedly was a contributing factor to the unfortunate incidents which occurred later in the afternoon. The affair serves only to bring discredit on the Chinese trade unions and gives emphasis to the belief that many of them are in the hands of irresponsible and dangerous elements. Chinese trade unionism in Hongkong cannot expect to win either public sympathy and esteem, or the official status it seeks, while it is being misled and misrepresented by officials who desire to use the unions as a political catapult. In their own interests the responsibly-minded trade unionists should rid themselves of such obnoxious and harmful influences.

ATOM SCIENTIST FOUND DEAD

Trondheim, Mar. 2.—The missing atom scientist, Per Werner, who mysteriously disappeared from his Trondheim home in February, was found dead this afternoon.

Some boys, who played with a small model aircraft, lost their way and found the body buried under snow below a steep hill a few yards from a street in the town.

The scientist's disappearance was at first linked with a Swedish espionage case but these rumours were promptly denied by the police and his colleagues.—Reuter.

GRAVE FRENCH GOVT. CRISIS

M. Plevin Refuses To Try To Form Cabinet

Three Quads Die

Steinberg, Mar. 2.—Three of the quadruplets born here to Mrs. M. A. Rossow, wife of a South African railroad employee, died last night.

The surviving child, a boy, was the first to be born and weighed little more than three pounds. The three children who died, two girls and a boy, each weighed two pounds and two and a half ounces. The mother is reported to be doing well.

Rossow had already had six children, only three of whom are still living.—Reuter.

PURGE IN BUCHAREST PLANNED

Vienna, Mar. 2.—Two Austrian newspapers said on Sunday that Bucharest, capital of Communist Rumania, is preparing large-scale deportations of middle class elements, similar to those which took place in Budapest last year.

Quoting reliable informants recently arriving from Bucharest, the papers—the Sozialistischer Zeitung and the People's Party's Neue Wiener Tageszeitung—said these deportations, or middle class persons were to be sent to concentration camps and labour camps in the Black Sea region. Neue Wiener Tageszeitung said between 10,000 and 20,000 persons would be affected. The population of Bucharest at last reports was just over a million.

Both papers said the identification cards of all residents of the Rumanian capital were collected recently and named. Members of the middle class were notified to be ready for immediate departure.

THE VICTIMS

Tageszeitung said those notified included pensioners, former state officials and army officers, aristocrats, Jews and former owners of industries now nationalised. They were told they were not doing any productive work and therefore must expect "compulsory transfer." They were told, Tageszeitung said, to leave everything in their apartments except what could be taken in one box.

Arbeiter Zeitung said the main reason for the deportations was apartment shortage in Bucharest and the urgent need for workers to build the Danube-Black Sea channel and other hydroelectric projects.

Deportations of what the Hungarian government called "undesirables" from Budapest began last May 21. The US State Department radio estimated that 30,000 had been evacuated from their homes up to early August. Secretary of State Dean Acheson called it the "grossest brutality."—Associated Press.

AIDS ENEMIES

"The instability of our government hurts our friends and aids our enemies," he stated. "If the Assembly overthrows the government, less than a year later it is invited to dissolve the Assembly."

Under the present Constitution 18 months must elapse between elections.

"Only a national government can save off an economic catastrophe which will impose the most cruel taxes on the little people," said M. Reynaud.

M. Reynaud's chances had been considered good on Saturday, when supporters of General Charles de Gaulle declared, for the first time since their Party was founded in 1947, their willingness to participate in a government coalition with all Parties except the Communists. One of their main conditions was that the Socialists co-operate.

Peasants Wait In Terror For Destructive Quake

Catania, Sicily, Mar. 2.—Thousands of peasants huddled in village streets on the southern slopes of Mount Etna tonight as a series of earthquakes threatened to bring down their houses.

The municipal engineer of Santa Venerina reported that another strong quake, following four in the last two days, would bring down almost all the 1,300 houses in the village.

Five other villages on the narrow strip of rich lava soil between the sea and the steep slopes of Europe's biggest active volcano reported similar peril.

Landslides caused by the two quakes yesterday and two more today cut roads at several points in the region.

A first estimate gave a total of 80 houses rendered uninhabitable, with hundreds more severely damaged by the heaving of the volcano's flank.

From its snow-capped cone, Etna continued to belch occasional showers of volcanic ash, but showed no signs of erupting violently.

Professor Gustavo Cimin, Director of the Etna Volcanological Institute, declared tonight that the earthquake appeared to be caused by the settling into new positions of millions of tons of lava spewed out by the volcano when it erupted a year ago.

"There is no knowing how long this movement may go on," he added.—Reuter.

WHY THE SOCIALISTS REJECTED REYNAUD

Paris, Mar. 2.—Socialist distrust of General Charles de Gaulle tonight killed M. Paul Reynaud's attempt to form a national union government of all French Parties except the Communists.

The Socialists turned down M. Reynaud's invitation to take part in a coalition because General de Gaulle's Rally of the French People had promised to join if the Socialist Party did so.

The veteran Reynaud notified President Auriol of his failure and in a statement he warned that France faced an "economic catastrophe." Already the nation, without a government, tottered on the brink of bankruptcy.

M. Auriol immediately asked M. Rene Plevin, originator of the European Army Plan and Premier of the Cabinet which fell in January, to try to form a government. M. Plevin refused, saying any government he could form would merely duplicate the one overthrown recently.

M. Reynaud, 73, who drew France back from the threshold of bankruptcy in 1938, made a blistering attack on the National Assembly after he had left the President. He said:

"We have seen the last two governments attempt to rule without a majority. They were trapped. The Assembly had the humiliation of suspending its action for days at a time while the Ministers deliberated. We know we are bleeding the National Treasury. We know of our deficit of \$600,000,000 with the dollar trading zone. We know that after having been a creditor to the European Payments Union only a month ago, we are now a debtor by \$450,000,000."

"Only a majority of a national union will redress the French situation."

M. Reynaud called for streamlining of the Cabinet down to 12 members from the postwar Cabinets of around 40 members and for revision of the Constitution.

Along with this he will begin his "purge campaign," he said. One statesman in his letter to the King pledged he would eradicate disturbances and crush "politics which have become a trade used for a source of income."

The anti-Wafdist Press interpreted M. Reynaud's statement as being directed at the Wafdists. One of the first acts of the new government was to shut down indefinitely Egypt's biggest school, Faud I University in Cairo.

Interior Minister Ahmed Mortada El Murrighi Bey told reporters the University had been "the rumour serpent." The students had begun a protest sit-down strike against martial law and any agreements with the West.

Late this afternoon, police cleared out the students and sealed the grounds.

Threatening Floods

Lisbon, Mar. 2.—Raging floods were reported today to have threatened thousands of inhabitants with death and starvation in the Portuguese East African colony of Mozambique.

Many persons were said to have sought refuge in the tree-tops on small islands near the coast. The reports said 11 bodies were recovered by rescue boats.

Tea plantations and villages along one of the colony's three flood-swollen rivers were destroyed, the reports said, and herds of stampeding buffaloes, elephants and rhinoceroses trampled down crops and native huts.—Associated Press.

TEMLER EFFECTS A MERGER

Kuala Lumpur, Mar. 3.—General Sir Gerald Templer, High Commissioner, today merged the Federation of Malaya War Council with the Federal Executive Council.

An official announcement said that the decision "follows naturally upon the appointment of the new High Commissioner, who is also Director of Operations (against the Communists) and based on the principles that the emergency is a state of affairs which affects every activity of the Government and that there can be but one instrument of policy at the Federal level."

The Federal Executive War Council was set up in 1950 to co-ordinate measures to combat the activities of the terrorists. It had official members, including the Director of Operations, and unofficial members representing the three Malayan communities.

The Federal Executive Council was a similar body dealing with the ordinary Government of the Federation.

The merging of the two Councils is in line with General Templer's position as High Commissioner and Director of Operations.—Reuter.

Dog Tracks Down Murderer

Mombasa, Mar. 2.—Kenya's Supreme Court sentenced to death yesterday an African convicted of killing another native.

It was believed to be the first such sentence in this colony of a person who had been tracked down by a dog.

The dog sniffed an arrow found in the thigh of the dying native then led police through two miles of jungle to the home of a man where similar arrows were found.—Associated Press.

New Egyptian Premier Suspends Parliament For One Month

Cairo, Mar. 2.—Tackling problems which toppled two governments before him, Egypt's newly appointed Prime Minister Ahmed Naguib Hilaly Pasha today announced that Parliament has been suspended for a month.

Hilaly and his independent Cabinet was sworn in earlier, after an audience with King Farouk, who appointed the 60-year-old jurist to fill the post left vacant by the unexpected resignation on Saturday of Prime Minister Aly Maher Pasha.

The Premier's office later released a statement made by King Farouk at the swearing-in ceremony. He told the Cabinet, "I hope you will succeed in fulfilling your great programme which includes everything I might have asked you to do."

In his policy-outline letter of acceptance, Hilaly emphasised his intention of clearing Egyptian politics of corruption.

Hilaly also takes office as Governor-General of Egypt under martial law by a Royal decree.

He told reporters that beginning on Monday he will tackle the job of spelling out Egypt's national aspirations but said he will need time before he can commence new talks with Britain on Anglo-Egyptian relations.

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A Foreign Office spokesman said cables were flowing from the British Embassy in Cairo, outlining the fall of Premier Aly Maher Pasha's government and the formation of Premier Naguib el Hilaly Pasha's new regime.

British officials wanted "the dust to settle" before making any pronouncements on the sudden change of Cabinets. They felt certain the time-table for the Anglo-Egyptian negotiations had been upset but they did not know for how long.

Although no official would say so, it was widely believed here that the British Ambassador's "cold" the ostensible reason for postponing "the opening talks" yesterday, was a "diplomatic" one. British spokesmen had been warning for weeks that the Maher government was hanging by a thread, with the huge Wafdist Party hovering in the background. That was one reason the British did not rush into negotiations earlier with Maher Pasha. They doubted his ability to remain in power.

There will be the same "wait and see" caution about the new government.—United Press.

TROOPS FOR CANAL

Nicosia, Mar. 2.—The main forces of two battalions of the British 32nd Brigade which have been based in Cyprus since November last, have been now moved to Suez Canal Zone, it was learned today.

The First Battalion of Scots Guards and the First Battalion of the Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire regiments left for the Canal by sea and air while two battalions of the 19th Brigade were shipped to Port Said.

In addition 118 men of the Scots Guards sailed from Famagusta this morning and a signal unit of the 3rd Division stationed near Nicosia was getting ready to leave.

The 3rd Infantry Division will thus be based in the Canal Zone.—France-Press.

French Claim Victory Against Vietminhese

Saigon, Mar. 2.—The French High Command announced on Sunday night it had smashed an attempt by elements of two Communist-led Vietminh divisions to gain a foothold in the Red River Delta, 30 miles southeast of Hanoi.

The Command said hand-to-hand fighting and attacks by mobile units of artillery and tanks and planes dropping napalm bombs had resulted in killing 500 Vietminh soldiers and the wounding of 1,000 others.

Fourteen thousand Vietminh troops had tried to cut the delta in attacks from the north and south of the Red River. The French said a clean-up of the delta is now underway in an operation called "Operation Leap Year."

The French aim is to consolidate their own positions preparatory to launching an offensive against the Vietminh which, it is said, could be undertaken at any time.

The Vietminh put up strong resistance to the French drive starting Feb. 29 and continuing until Sunday, but collapsed under heavy assaults by tanks, planes and infantry.

A High Command spokesman insisted the French had quit Hoa Binh to that they could retain the initiative of action through a regrouping of their forces in the Red River Delta and building up for an offensive.

The spokesman said the loss of Hoa Binh had created alarm over a "French defeat" in Washington, London and Paris, but he added future developments would prove the soundness of French strategy.

The French spokesman said it was "impossible" for the Vietminh to launch a large scale attack in the Delta adding that the French held the initiative and intended to exploit it.

The movement by the Vietminh of ten thousand troops north of the Delta toward the south, and of another four thousand coming from the south represented the first big enemy attempt to join forces and take control of Red River strategic points and thereby

Pilgrimage Ends In Tragedy

Mexico City, Mar. 2.—Two baby girls, three women and four men were trampled to death and 25 people were injured today when two groups of pilgrims moving in opposite directions jammed the gates leading to the Shrine of Chalma, in the State of Mexico.

Hundreds of people were leaving the Shrine as a procession of 500 was attempting to enter.—Reuter.

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"Pocket-Size" Helicopter Foreshadowed

Washington, March 2.
The use of a "pocket-size" helicopter which could be parachuted with two men from a transport aircraft, assembled on the ground in 20 minutes and be ready for a flight, is being studied by the United States.

The helicopter, which weighs 150 kilograms and has a height of two metres, can fly at 120 kilometres an hour with a crew of two. It can stay in the air for 90 minutes.

Powered by a small jet engine, it would be used for air observation, flying out wounded soldiers from small areas and transport of light material to ground troops.—France-Press.

RUSSIANS REJECT U.S. NOTE

Warsaw, March 2.
The Soviet Radio stated today that the Soviet Government had rejected a letter addressed by the United States on Feb. 25 to the Soviet Ambassador in Washington, M. Alexander Panichuk, concerning the massacre of Polish officers in the Katyn Forest during World War II.

The United States note had asked the Soviet Government for details since it had been alleged that the Polish officers were shot by Soviet troops.

The Moscow radio said a Soviet note recalled:—
Firstly, that an official commission had investigated the Katyn massacre in 1944 and had established that "Hitlerian war criminals" were entirely responsible for it; and, secondly, that the United States Government had not protested against the findings of this commission until eight years after its findings were published, that is to say just recently.

Consequently, the Soviet note said, "if the United States Government raises the question of the Katyn affair eight years after the commission had published its findings, it was entirely with the aim of slandering the Soviet Union and thus to re-establish the Hitlerian jointly recognised as war criminals."

The Moscow Radio said that the Soviet Government had attached a copy of the commission's report to its note to the U.S., "describing the circumstances under which the Polish officers were shot by the Germans in Katyn Forest."—France-Press.

Asian Aid Discussions At Karachi

Karachi, Mar. 2.
Khawaja Nazimuddin, Pakistan's Prime Minister, will open the Colombo Plan Consultative Committee's conference here on March 24.

Fazlur Rahman, Minister for Commerce and Economic Affairs, will lead the Pakistan delegation to this fourth meeting of the Committee. He is expected to preside.

The agenda will be arranged by a meeting of officials which opens on March 10.

The conference is expected to assess the first year's working of the plan to develop South and South-East Asia economically and review the various countries' economic plans.

Pakistan has been the largest beneficiary of technical assistance under the Plan. She has received in economic assistance A£2,000,000 from Australia, A£1,000,000 from Canada, and A£2,250,000 from New Zealand.

The British delegation is headed by the Marquess of Reading, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs.—Reuter.

Appeals To Austrians

Vienna, Mar. 2.
The Austrian Home Minister, Franz Olah, said today that he had appealed to the Austrian people to resist Communist and Soviet pressure.

Here Olah was addressing a meeting of his Austrian People's Party at Orth in the Soviet zone. The Minister urged Austrian students to fight against Communist aims.—France-Press.

KING'S AFRICAN RIFLES UNDERGO STIFF JUNGLE TRAINING IN MALAYA

Singapore, Mar. 3.
Two battalions of the King's African Rifles, undergoing intensive training in guerilla warfare, swelter for 10 hours a day in the tangled jungle country near Kota Tinggi in Johore.

All the time, they are keenly aware that they may at any moment walk into an authentic terrorist ambush. For there are roving Communist bands in the area who know that the Africans are within rifle-shot, although as far there have been no clashes.

But these rugged swarthy men from the veldt are keen to test the mettle of the enemy. On patrol in the difficult, matted jungle terrain, they peer constantly, lynx-eyed, into shoulder-high grass or creeper-curtained forest for sight of the hidden enemy.

With their background and their life in the African bush, where their lives often depended on their ability to pick out well-camouflaged game, these men of the 1st (Nyasaland) and 3rd (Kenya) Battalions have good reasons to be extremely confident of coming out on top in any skirmish with the Communist guerrillas.

Nevertheless, they do not for a moment underestimate the cunning and skill of the enemy, who has nearly 10 years' experience of jungle warfare behind him and has up to now taken heavy toll of lives in the West and a half-century of terrorism in Malaya.

The Africans' camp bristles with defences, and alert sentries guard against surprise attacks in the night—a very popular form of attack with the hungry and ill-equipped terrorists, who have little stomach for a fight unless they have the advantage of superior tactical position or surprise.

The ever-present menace of surprise raids by the Communists, however, is regarded as the best possible test for the Africans, who for the next 10 months, wherever they are deployed to fight the enemy, will, in common with the other Commonwealth forces in Malaya, be living and fighting under identical conditions.

Meanwhile, the Africans, descendants of the spear-hurling, arrow-shooting warriors of the veldt, go through their paces, cheerfully manning modern weapons and practising all the aspects of warfare in the jungle.

FIGHTING FIT
For men who were used to finding their way about the bush by the sun and stars, they are showing themselves adept in the use of maps.

They are also getting accustomed to the fabled, humid heat of the Malayan jungle. In the words of their commanding officer, Lieutenant-Colonel J.C. Crewe-Read, they are now "fighting fit."

"The terrorists will be in for a tough time once these men go into action," Lieutenant-Colonel Crewe-Read adds. "Not only are the men quick with their eyes, but they are becoming sharpshooters."

Life in the camp for these Africans, apart from the arduous, energy-sapping programme of training, follows as closely as possible the leisurely pace of life in the African bush.

The men, many of whom bear tattooed arrows on their chests to denote that they come from certain tribe, or have their elongated ear-lobes pierced in accordance with tradition, still go for "porsha" (ground maize meal) in a big way, declining to change their eating habits for the more appetising and varied food obtainable in this country.

LIVE ON MAIZE
Indeed, when some brighter boys of the catering corps thought of changing the menu by serving "porsha" as cakes or tarts, the Africans, to a man, turned it down, preferring the "porsha" in the orthodox fashion as served by their hard-working wives in the kraals of Africa.

On patrol they live on dried maize.

The mention of "wives" in the camp generally brings forth a rippling murmur of conversation, for a large number of the men are married.

But, married men and bachelors alike, the Africans appear to agree that wives are important in their world.

For they have nearly all already sent home half their monthly pay to buy "safe investments"—cows, the traditional dowry for wives.

The pay of a private, including a Malayan allowance, is about 75 Malayan dollars a month (nearly 25 sterling).

The men come from many tribes, but the lingua-franca of the camp is Ki-Swahili, a language which is spoken but not written. To correspond with their wives, therefore, they use a quaint mail system based on formalised letter cards, paid for by the Kenya Government, which states that they are well or that they are not well.

On receipt of these letter cards, the wives can tear off a return card which states whether or not their cows are doing well back home.

It is with the sole help of these return cards that the men swap news in their jungle camp, as they gather around at dusk to sing in their sonorous fashion their old tribal chants, accompanied by a drummer beating out a voodoo rhythm on a regulation Army brass drum, or contemplate solemnly the menace of the lurking Communist just outside their camp.—Reuter.

Britain Overhauls Russia

Geneva, Mar. 2.
Britain has replaced Russia as Europe's largest producer of tractors and may soon export more than the United States, the world's largest producer, a survey showed today.

Mechanisation of agriculture in Russia and Eastern Europe will still be far behind the West in 1956, even if planned tractor production schedules are met, it showed.

Here are some of the figures given by a survey of world tractor production carried by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe.

In 1937, all Europe produced 91,000 tractors of which Russia made more than half. Britain produced 18,000.

The European production in 1950 was 340,000, and Britain's output was up six and a half times to 120,000. West Germany produced 14,000 and France 14,200. Russia, whose tractor industry was almost destroyed during the war, produced much below the pre-war levels.

The United States produced 649,000.

The survey estimated that Russia, far from being able to supply Communist China or Eastern Europe with much needed tractors, "could be considered as a potential importer of about 1,000,000 tractors over the next five years."

It estimated that other Eastern European countries—Albania, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Poland and Rumania—could import an additional 200,000 over the same period.—United Press.

Japanese Regaining Toy Market

Nuernberg, Mar. 2.
Japanese toy manufacturers are quickly regaining ground on their war-torn European markets, the Association of German Toy Industries was told today.

The Association Chairman, Hans Mangold, said cheap Japanese toys, especially, go well in Belgium and Holland.

Exporters of German toys, he continued, are meeting stiff competition in Latin America where the United States is making a bid for the toy market. French and Italian toy industries have become strong new competitors for Germany.

Despite this trend, Hans Mangold added, Germany has won back her leading position in the trade with exports in 1951 setting a new post-war record of 71,000,000 Marks.

He was speaking at the annual Nuernberg Toy Fair which opened on Saturday. About 80,000 items are on exhibit.—Associated Press.

VANDENBERG TO STAY ON

Washington, Mar. 2.
Mr. Joseph Short, President Truman's Secretary, announced today that the President was going to nominate General Hoyt Vandenberg for a further 14 months' term as Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force.

General Curtis Le May would be nominated for the post of Vice-Chief of Air Staff.

General Vandenberg's four years' term as Air Force Chief of Staff was due to end on April 30.—Reuter.

"Ike's" Tour Of Inspection

Paris, Mar. 2.
General Dwight Eisenhower will fly to Greece and Turkey on Monday to inspect the defence strength in those vital areas.

Gen. Eisenhower will be accompanied by his Chief of Staff, Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther. They will leave Paris by plane for Ankara, Turkey, and take a quick look at the Turkish army.

The Turkish ground strength is estimated at 30 divisions and Greece has an estimated 10 trained divisions.—United Press.

His Leisure Bored Him To Death

New York, Mar. 2.

For years Mr William Goodman, a male nurse in a Massachusetts, U.S. hospital, looked forward to retiring to his home town, Flixton, Lancashire, where "we will buy a little house," he would say to his wife.

But when he did, two years ago, the 62-year-old man was miserable. "He was bored to death with his leisure," said Mrs Goodman to the Flixton coroner.

She told how she returned from visiting relatives at Manchester and found this note from her husband:

"Goodbye, dear. All the best. Will be in the garage. Bill."

She took a torch and looked in the garage. Her husband was hanging from a beam. She added that they had been away 30 years and had not too many friends.

Verdict: Suicide while of unsound mind.

Planning For Coronation

Singapore, Mar. 3.

With the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II still a long way off, the Chinese community of Penang are already making a move to convene a meeting of Chinese associations, guilds, temples and others with a view to holding a procession to mark the occasion.

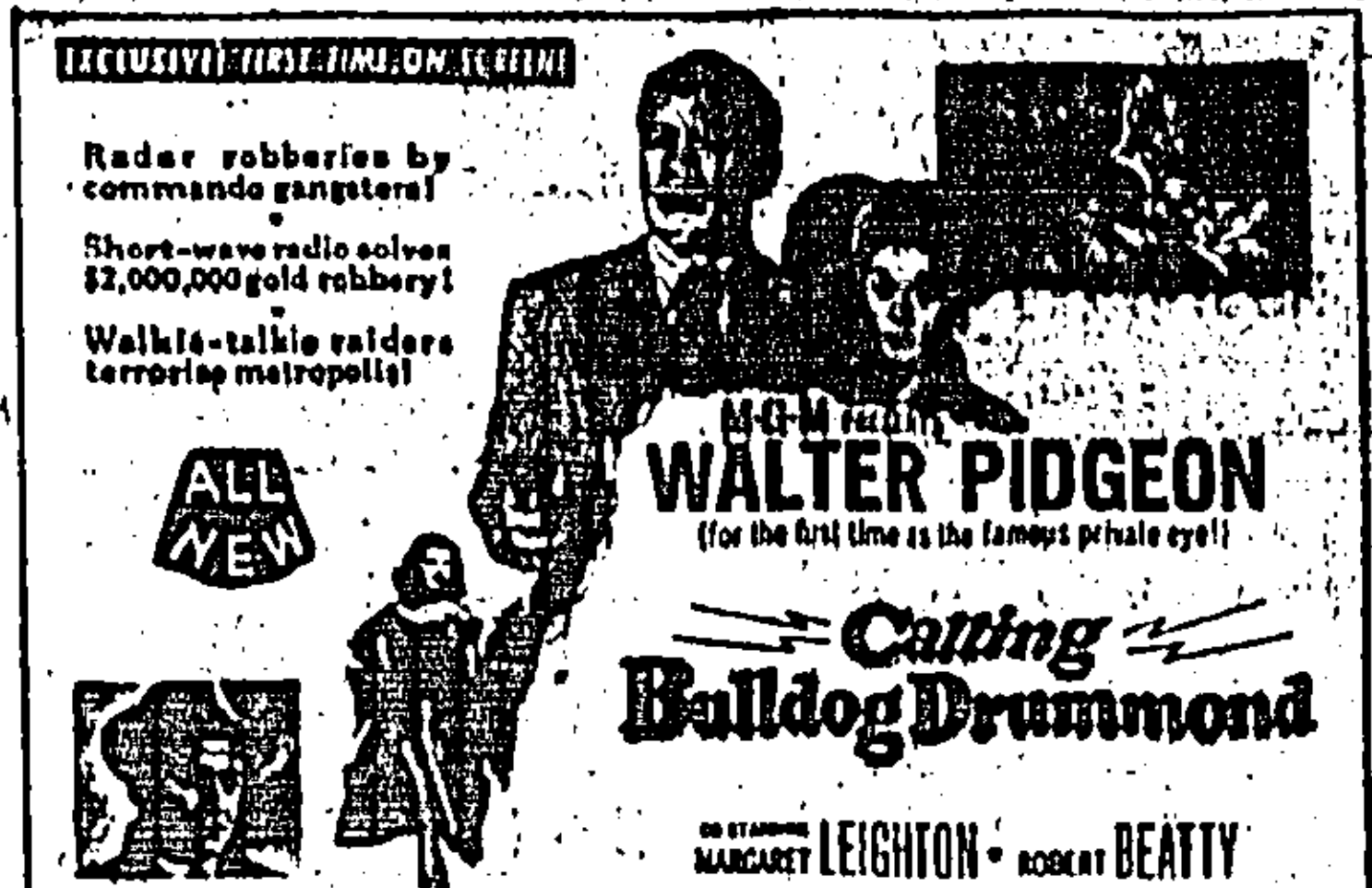
One of the sponsors is the Foh Hock Seah, a religious society, which used to organize annual "Chingyo" (religious) processions in honour of the God of Heaven (Tua Pek Kong).

A spokesman of the Foh Hock Seah said that Chinese believe a "chingyo" to herald a new reign would be the most appropriate form of celebration.—United Press.

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Destruction Of Red Bunkers

Seoul, Mar. 3. Allied tanks, artillery and infantry battered Chinese troops at several points on Sunday on the increasingly active Western Korean front.

A two-pronged tank raiding force blasted the Communists during the morning in the Chorwon area. An infantry screening force supported the General Patton tanks during the two-hour action.

Captain James R. Milton, who commanded the tank forces, reported no machines lost in the assault, which was directed against hills north-east and north-west of the old "Iron Triangle" base city.

That area, still a Communist "nest," is situated in almost the only really favourable tank country along the whole Korean front.

The tank force claimed 20 bunkers destroyed and eight damaged.

In another Western front action not far from the Chorwon sector, Allied infantrymen called for a heavy artillery barrage to loosen the Chinese defence of a hill north-west of Yonchon and west-south-west of Chonwon.

UN guns poured hundreds of rounds into the Red positions in a four-hour shoot. Sunday night's Eighth Army communiqué said the Chinese lost 36 men killed or wounded in the fight.

RED BARRAGE

The Communists on the eastern front laid down artillery and mortar fire of their own, concentrating more than 70 rounds in one hour against a small Allied-held area west of the Mundung valley late on Saturday night.

After two days of tank raids on Friday and Saturday, in which 12 Allied tanks were hit, Allied armour remained quiet on the central front yesterday.

The Allied tank losses have been more than matched by claims made against enemy tanks by close-support lighter-bombers of the Fifth Air Force and the First Marine Air Wing.

On Friday and Saturday the fleet claimed nine enemy tanks destroyed and six damaged in frontline air strikes.

Reporting on the main Korea-based air effort, the Fifth Air Force announced more than 500 sorties up to 6 p.m. on Sunday.—Associated Press.

Help For Israel

Washington, Mar. 2. An emergency economic conference on Israel today adopted a programme to raise \$200,000,000 for industrial and agricultural development through an Israel bond issue before the end of 1952.—Reuter.

CORNISH BEACH YIELDS TIN



One source of tin is this unsuspected beach on the Cornish coast. Here, at certain times, the ground seas are very heavy and wash up tons of sand from the sea bed, sand containing up to five per cent of tin. These men dig the sand, wash it in water and the tin settles out. The tin content of the sand provides a fair return for the labour involved.—Reuterphoto.

15 Die After Feasting

Mombasa, Mar. 2. Fifteen Africans have died in a village near here after eating the carcass of an antelope which had died of anthrax. Anthrax is a disease which affects mainly sheep and cattle but also at times human beings, when it takes the form of generalised blood poisoning.—Reuter.

Dr Adenauer Heckled

Heidelberg, Mar. 2. The West German Chancellor, Dr Konrad Adenauer, was twice forced to abandon the platform during a speech at the Town Hall today because of disturbances in the audience.

A live "peace dove" released by noisy Communist demonstrators together with thousands of anti-communist leaflets fluttered throughout the crowded hall during most of his speech.

Several trouble-makers who fought with the police were arrested.

Dr Adenauer was speaking in the election campaign for a Constituent Assembly in the new South-West German State. Polling is a week from tomorrow.

He said he was convinced that there would be no war because the West is already too strong for Russia.—Reuter.

Heaviest "Convoy Attack" In History Of Naval "Ops"

Naples, Mar. 2. A convoy of 40 French, Italian, American and British cargo ships steamed into Gibraltar approaches tonight still under the heaviest "convoy attack" in the history of naval operations.

The convoy has been subjected on an average to "attacks" by air every two hours and by submarine every five hours since it left Malta six days ago.

This was one of the most prolonged exploits of the Mediterranean naval manoeuvres now in progress in the Mediterranean, grouping the largest number of ships ever brought together in peace-time exercises. Aircraft and submarines tonight prepared to "defend" Gibraltar from the approach of heavy units of the British Home Fleet due to steam into the Mediterranean tomorrow to join the manoeuvres.

British submarine commander reported to the South Atlantic Naval Headquarters here today that he had made his way undetected through the Straits of Gibraltar, one of the most strongly defended sea passages in the world.

A second convoy of French and American transports, commanded by Rear-Admiral Le Magre, of the French Navy, sailed from a southern French port today.

Protected by a 15-ship screen of American, French and Italian destroyers, the convoy carried a force of American Marines.

SUCCESSFUL TEST Two other convoys were reported also at sea, all of them escorted by carrier and land-based aircraft of the four nations, operating from all points of the Western Mediterranean as well as for submarines.

The nine-day exercise is due to end on Wednesday, having given the International Atlantic Pact staff and the commander of the forces of the four nations, unprecedented experience in problems of communications and international co-operation.

On report received at the Naples Headquarters today said that an American refuelling method had been successfully used to replenish French cruisers and destroyers at sea.

The exercise, known as "Grand Slam", will be followed on Friday by a Staff conference led by Admiral Robert B. Carney, American Commander of the South Atlantic sector of the Atlantic front and commander of the exercises.—Reuter.

SPANISH BASES Washington, Mar. 2. It was revealed today that the Defence and State Departments had generally agreed on what air and naval bases the United States would like to use in Spain and what price they were willing to pay.

Agreement was reported by high American officials, who also said good progress had been made in clearing the way for forthcoming negotiations with Spain for the use of bases by United States planes and ships.

These officials added, however, that it would probably be another month before a United States military and economic mission would have to leave for Madrid to discuss actual terms with Generalissimo Franco's Government.

Bases desired by the United States have been kept top secret, but they are understood to include several air bases in Spanish Morocco and North Africa, plus a number of naval stations.

Under present plans American fighting men would not be permanently stationed at the bases, which would be more in the nature of stand-by facilities.

Diplomatic authorities emphasised, however, that this approach might be revised during the talks.

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Red Propaganda Plays Up Germ Warfare Charges

Washington, Mar. 2.

The Soviet bloc has put its major propaganda agencies to work spreading over the world a charge that the United States has started waging germ warfare in Korea.

Denials from General Matthew B. Ridgway's headquarters have been ignored and the charge repeated in propaganda broadcasts recorded by Government monitors in recent days.

The State Department thus far has not tried to counter with the weapons of ridicule which was employed when Communist Czechoslovakia last summer, and in 1950 blamed a plague of potato bugs on the US.

Moscow did not try to exploit that charge but officials said today that the Communist world is playing to the limit the accusation that the American command has now embarked on a systematic attempt to wipe out the North Koreans and insects enervating plague and cholera.

Some American officials at Tokyo have suggested that the germ war charge indicated that North Korea may be suffering from a disease epidemic due to natural war causes.

Within the past day or two there has been substantiation from the Communists that a serious plague epidemic is raging in North Korea. A Peking Radio broadcast heard last night said an urgent call was issued by the National Medical Association of China for volunteer anti-plague workers.

US military intelligence officers have reports that an outbreak of bubonic plague is also sweeping areas of Communist China, particularly in the Peking and Canton areas.

"HATE AMERICA" Red charges set off the attack in the latest phase of the "hate America" campaign. Government radio recordings for two recent successive days show how the Chinese charge has been picked up and expanded by Moscow and its satellites in broadcasts.

Moscow to North America—the Red Chinese Foreign Minister, Chou En-lai, said American forces started using bacterial weapons on Jan. 28 as part of

the "aggressive war" of the US "criminals." Moscow blamed it all on the US, and said nothing about United Nations forces.

Bucharest to Rumanian listeners—What it called the "horrible crime" shows that the Americans are the "worst enemies of mankind."

Peking in Chinese—The Americans started spreading smallpox germs when they drove into North Korea a year ago. In March of last year the US forces started using Chinese captives for the "laboratory testing of bacterial weapons."

"ANGRY PROTESTS" Moscow to Slovakia The Americans dropped germ-laden insects seven times between Jan. 27 and Feb. 17 on the Korean front lines and rear areas.

Albanian home service—"Cholera, plague and other bacteriological diseases are being used to destroy the resistance of the North Korean people and their troops."

Peking in English to Europe and North America—"From all parts of China angry protests against the American aggressors' criminal use of germ warfare in Korea are still pouring in."—Associated Press.

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Red China's Textile Industry

Karachi, Mar. 2.

Mr Chen Ming, Communist China's Vice-Trade Minister, said here today that the People's Government of China looked forward to buying more Pakistan cotton for its fast developing textile industry.

Chen Ming is leading a Chinese team of 30 to the Pakistan International Industries Fair.

According to official Pakistan figures, China was a big buyer of Pakistan cotton last year, taking over 84 million rupees worth (about £8,000,000).

Chen Ming hoped commerce and trade relations between Pakistan and China would develop on a basis of mutual benefit and equality.

A detailed list of Chinese imports and exports would be published shortly, he said.—Reuter.

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A Bishop's Opinion Of Red China

Birmingham, Mar. 2.

The Bishop of Birmingham, Dr C. W. Barnes, said today that he found it difficult to feel that Chinese Communism was aggressive.

"I wonder if it is not more rightly to be regarded as the beginning of a new social development, which, in the end, will give to China with its great and ancient civilisation, the leadership of human progress," he told a meeting here.

"I do not think China has no chance of world leadership. The Chinese, with their gradually expanding intellectual outlook, may in the relatively near future create a new pacifism which tends to dominate those countries with which they have learned to live in freedom and that a new understanding between the nations will be achieved."

Dr Barnes regarded with horror the creation of a new army in Western Europe with a German finger on the trigger.

German rearmament was likely to lead Europe nearer to war.—Reuter.

Truman And Electoral Reform

Washington, Mar. 2.

President Truman believes it would be an excellent idea to hold national political conventions every two years so that all candidates for Congress could run on up-to-date party platforms.

He made the suggestion in a letter to Representative Jacob K. Javits (Republican, New York) in outlining his ideas on ways of encouraging more Americans to vote in the national elections.

Among other things, Mr Truman reinforced his support of the proposed national presidential primaries, saying they would give voters in every State a real opportunity to take an active part in selecting their party's presidential candidate.

Mr Truman, who has described the present system of presidential primaries as "eye-wash," said he has long been interested in proposals which would make them uniform and nationwide in scope.—United Press.

A New System

Montevideo, Mar. 2.

Uruguay yesterday gave up the Presidential system of government and adopted a regime similar to Switzerland's, based on a nine-man Council of State.

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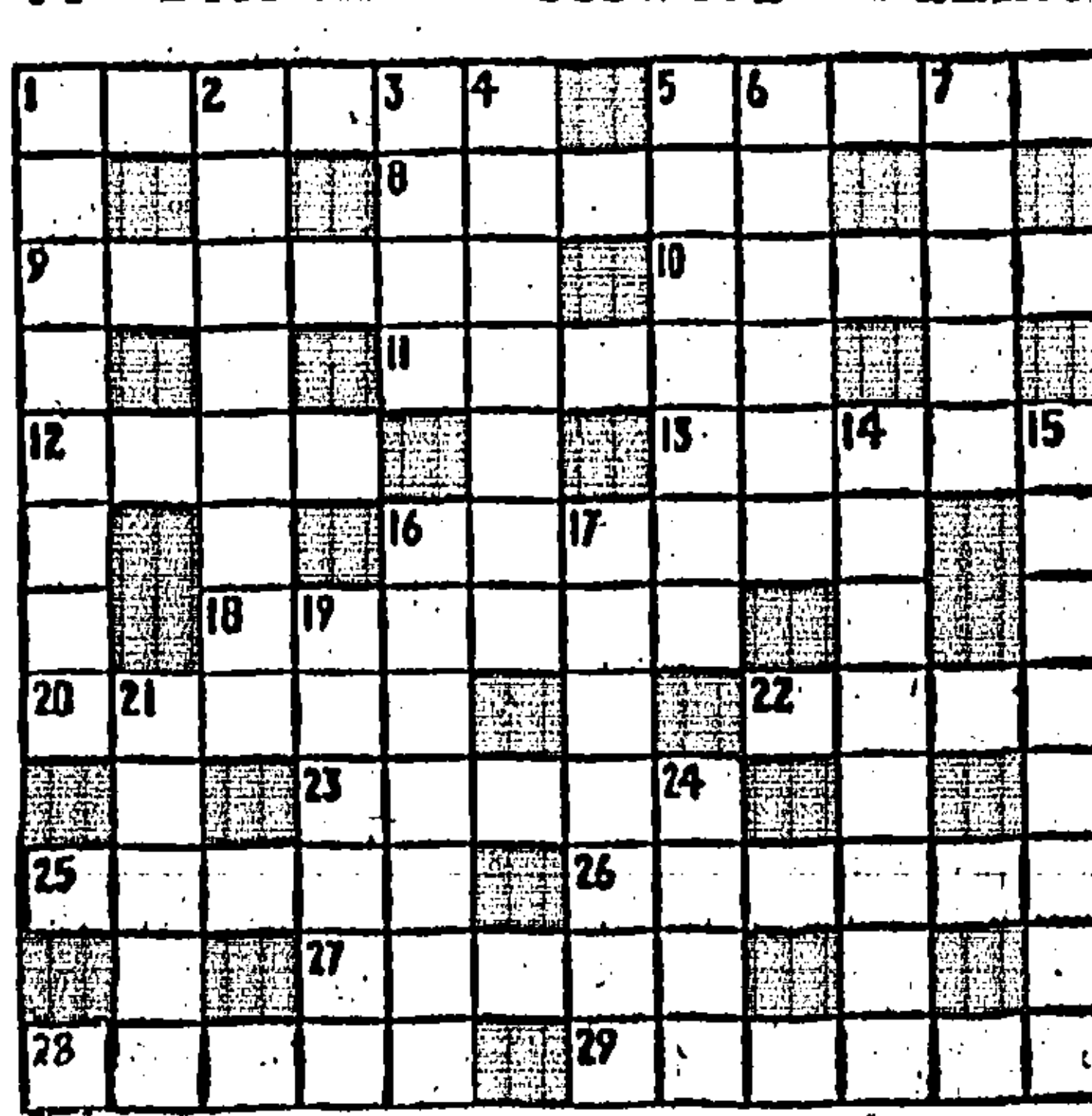
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 - Judgment (8).
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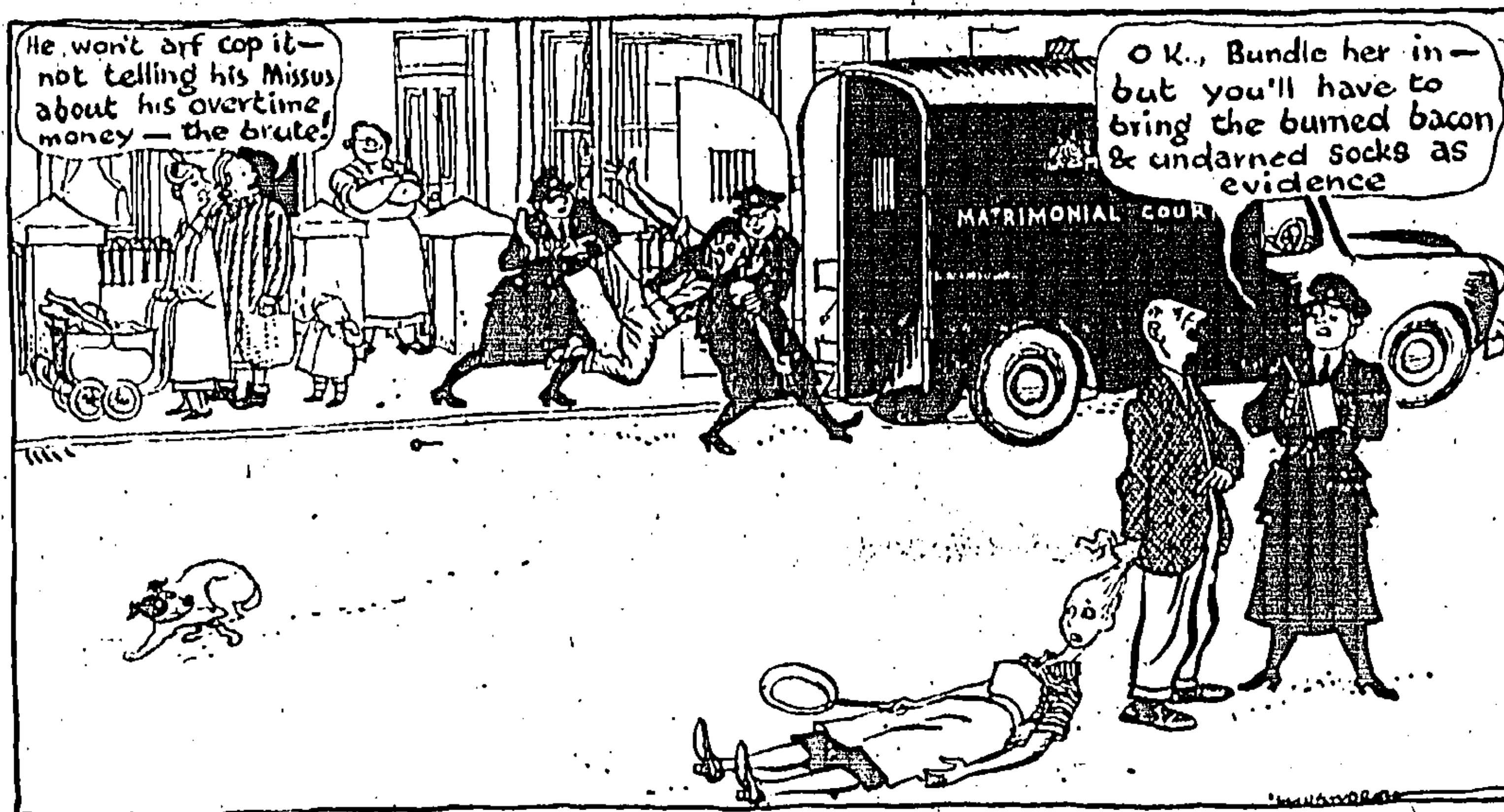
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The settling-up of domestic relations courts has been recommended to the Royal Commission on Marriage and Divorce.

by Illingworth

Canadians Bring Their Jets To England

By BRETT OLIVER

FOUR months ago, North Luffenham air station was a sleepy spot hidden among the farmlands of England's smallest county, Rutlandshire, up in the Midlands. Its moment of importance—as an RAF wartime training station—had long since passed; the countryside had once more dropped back into an untroubled existence.

Then, overnight, a change came. Busloads of men, truckloads of equipment began to pour in. The quiet country air exploded into sound. Screaming silver aircraft streaked across the sky, circled over the patchwork fields and zipped in to land like angry hornets. The change was all-powerful. Nothing like it had hit that part of England before.

And, out of this change emerged a new, vibrant North Luffenham. It became home of the Royal Canadian Air Force's No. 1 Fighter Wing, first Dominion combat unit established in Europe under the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation as a frontline defence force.

Equipped with the F.86 Sabre jet fighter, which has come so well in Korea, and is the West's present answer to Russian air power, these Canadians will soon provide the strongest all-British fighter unit in the world. Operationally, the Wing flies as part of Britain's own Fighter Command, but it is so far only a third of full strength.

No. 410 Squadron, the "Cougars" as they are called, will be joined soon by No. 441 Squadron, the "Silver Foxes," and No. 439 Squadron.

There are 48 Sabres at North Luffenham. They were built by Canadians, were brought to England by the Canadian aircraft carrier Magnificent, and on this station are flown, serviced and maintained by Canadians. It is strictly a Dominion effort.

So far, 600 men have moved into the station, giving it a bigger population than the nearby village it is named after. And, in every sense, it is a community.

Seven families live in married quarters. Another 48 occupy "Caravan Alley," a string of homes-on-wheels which have been transformed into snug, compact units, with a community atmosphere all their own. Off-station, in flats and rooms, live 30 more families and scattered further afield are a score of wives and the children of airmen who "live in" during the week and go home at week-ends.

The children, more than 100 of them, are the envy of every other youngster in the district. They have a language of their own, a racy mixture of service slang and the soft Canadian accent. Eighty go to school in the quiet little village of Edith Weston, not far from the field. And at home, they listen to talk of jet fighter planes. As an air force station, North Luffenham doesn't differ much from others in England or those of Commonwealth countries. It is comfortable, well-equipped, and spruce with the efforts of the new tenants. Smooth-running now after the initial organisation, it breeds fewer groans and gripes than most service bases. Indeed, kept happy on abundant American rations, the men admit they would have to go far in Canada or anywhere, to find living conditions to compare with those at North Luffenham.

The men there are young; most of them are in England for the first time. The pilots' average age is 23. Out of uniform or away from their flying suits and plastic crash helmets, they often go unrecognized. It is hard to believe they are masters of aircraft capable of bursting through the sound barrier.

Off-duty, these young men live fast. They can't stay still long, have to be doing something, or possible something exciting, or out of the ordinary. It is an occupational characteristic. And it is understandable. The reaction after flying the Sabres is tremendous. It leaves them limp, pummeled by the speed. For a time, the tiredness is intense. And then comes recovery and the desire to relax in diversion.

The four months since No. 1 Fighter Wing took over at North Luffenham have been

packed with training work for the "Cougar" pilots.

Most important of all, they have had plenty of instrument flying practice. In Canada, conditions ideal for instrument flying—low cloud and poor visibility—are far less common than in weather-bitten England. So, in this English winter, the Sabre pilots have been up in all weathers, polishing their flying techniques and learning to take full advantage of the exceptional ground control network in the United Kingdom.

"This training is invaluable," said Squadron Leader Larry Hall, of Montreal, officer commanding the "Cougars." "For the type of weather in this part of the world, we have just got to keep the boys hot on instrument work."

He should know. After the war, he was a Spitfire pilot in North Africa and Italy—Squadron Leader Hall did a spell of faultless instrument flying.

"Hot" now on flying blind, the Sabre pilots have this last week been sharpening their eyes on an air-to-ground firing programme. The R.A.F. has a range on The Wash, where the sea bites into the East England coastline. It is shared with the North Luffenham station and with the American Sabre units based in the same area of England.

Flying Officer Don Broadbent, of Vancouver, described this work.

"We make our 'run-ins' from away up at a white target 10 feet square. It sounds big enough but from any distance it looks the size of a pin head. And, at the speed you are travelling, you're left with maybe a second to get away a burst before pulling out. You have to be mighty quick."

In one full practice, the pilots fire about 300 rounds from their six 3 inch machine guns. Added Don Broadbent, "If they are on the ball that day, perhaps 30 to 35 shots will get the target."

Combat training also takes the young Canadians up for air-to-air firing and for interception of bombers sent in by the R.A.F. as "attacking forces."

The interception training is made as authentic as possible. The Sabres are "scrambled" away from North Luffenham, and, following directions radioed and ground radar operators fly in to meet the R.A.F. attackers.

After contact, the Sabres single out and attack the bombers but instead of bullets, they "fire off" flares. For cameras are linked with the gun button to bring back a picture sequence of the fighter attack.

The camera, teaches us more about air flying than anything else," said another Vancouver man, Flying Officer Ken Johnson. "When you use your real guns at air targets, you can't possibly tell where you went wrong if you miss. The camera shows up your faults right there for you to see—and correct."

needed practice in speed-loading, the pilots are given plenty of air firing.

It is work like this which makes the Canadian Wing a formidable combat unit. That, and the jet fighter they fly.

The pilots can't praise the Sabre enough. "Easy to fly as long as your wits are about you. No. 1. Perfect to handle, superbly. As a gun platform, steady as a rock. Speed, plenty of it. Structurally, the strongest aircraft in fighter service today."

There are only two things they could do with, they add. More speed to give them complete superiority over the Russian jets and heavier armament for a real knockout punch in combat.

Nevertheless, in speed, the Sabre can rip through the sound barrier and go on to 800 m.p.h. plus. In armament, the six 3 inch guns deliver a healthy wallop but against armour, something in the cannon class of gun is needed.

How do these men feel about being in England as the first Canadian operational Wing stationed this side of the Atlantic since the war?

Say those who have been here before: "Canada is home and a good place to be but it's still good to be back. We've a lot of friends here."

And the younger men, in England for the first time: "We are going to see as much of England as we can. We've heard there's a lot to look over—plenty of history and stuff we don't find back home."

In a way they would all like to see action but they know what it would mean—that their presence in England as part-guards of European peace had been of no avail, and that all hope for a settled world had gone.

Do you keep a cat or a dog, or a pet at all? Today China Mail correspondents report on the popularity of domestic animals in different countries

Pets Around The World

Argentine

ARGENTINIANS are fond of animals, but have by no means the same sentimental attitude towards pets as have people in Britain and elsewhere. Dogs are the most popular, though they are never made a great fuss of. Perhaps this is not surprising in a country with an economy which largely depends on the slaughtering of animals.

The most favoured dogs are wire-haired terriers and Alsatians, with poodles and boxers a close second and third. Aberdeen terriers are also common, but generally speaking, low-built dogs are not popular. Argentinians, superstitious about cats, would never dream of killing them, but they have no particular wish to look after them, and leave the animals to fend for themselves.

At this time of the year, when many town houses and flats are closed for the summer holidays, thousands of cats have been turned loose in the streets. Whether or not they get fed depends on the kind-hearted passer-by, and on the work of the Sarmiento Society—the local equivalent of the R.S.P.C.A. No cat in Buenos Aires is ever in any real danger of starvation. Any local dustbin will provide it with enough good-quality meat in one day to supply the rations of several people in Britain for a month.

Rowland Thomas

America

THE most popular pet in America is the cocker spaniel, although in California the French poodle is gaining in popularity.

Pedigree cockers may cost more than 75 guineas and veterinary fees are as high as the average doctor's. An ear examination, without any treatment or medicine at all, costs two guineas.

Just to have a dog washed, stripped, clipped and generally groomed costs at least £3—plus another 10s if he is collected by the local canine service. But Americans seem to have the money. Poodle owners often pay three guineas merely for clipping and grooming.

The latest fad in this dog-crazy nation is to have your pet's collar decorated with tartan and plaids to match your dress or coat. Dog collars are sometimes adorned with semi-precious stones.

Hollywood seems to be the centre for American pet lovers, however. Scores of trained dogs earn good livings for their owners.

Michael Ruddy

Greece

THE Greeks have never been pet-minded, and since the war, reduced the number of

pets in the country they made little or no attempt to replace their animals.

Only 40 years ago it was considered indecent to keep a cat or a dog in a home. They were considered as merely the servants of hunters and shepherds.

Today, however, even though there is no national enthusiasm for pets, the dog takes the lead among those that are kept.

Meanwhile, the chairman of the Greek Veterinary Society has put Greek pet-lovers in three categories: Genuine animal lovers: hunters and shepherds who keep their animals because they are useful; and the "snob" pet-lovers, who keep their pets to attract attention.

Among poor families, birds are popular, although a canary may cost as much as four guineas.

Michael Manning

Egypt

FROM the days of the Pharaohs until modern times, the only animal accepted by the Egyptians as a pet has been the cat.

The dog is used for desert hunting and for guard duty by wealthy citizens. The religion of Islam, however, regards the dog as "unclean," and no wonder, for dogs in Egypt are too often kept purposely in a semi-starved, mangy state so that they can become more vicious and ready to attack the unwelcome stranger.

Recently Alsations were imported into the country. Even though they sold at £30 each, their owners rarely looked after them properly.

The cat was domesticated by the Pharaohs' courtiers, and today is an animal with a small head and staunch little body, with a good deal of the build and character of the Siamese. During the reign of the Pharaohs the cat was often kept for hunting, and in provincial Egypt today they still claim that the cat can be trained for this more easily than the dog.

Egyptians have a strange aversion to killing a cat. Dogs are treated with indifference and even brutality, but a servant to drown some unwanted kittens and you will merely find that he has set them loose around the nearest corner.

Margaret Giffarth

India

PETS are almost non-existent in India. Millions of people have cats and dogs, but only the Europeans and a few European-educated Indians treat them as pets.

Most of the cats and dogs in India are, in fact, semi-wild, fending for themselves.

I spoke to an Indian on the subject of pets. His comment was spontaneous: "Children are our pets."

Alwyn Toblitt

A CAR BRINGS IN RUBBER-FACE

From R. M. MacCOLL

New York. RUBBER-FACED Willie Sutton, the smoothest bank robber in America, was picked up by the police—three blocks from Brooklyn police station. Willie escaped from prison five years ago. While the police were searching the country for him he was living with in-calling distance of their cells.

At 51, William Francis Sutton—known in the underworld as "Slick" Willie—was "the actor" because of his flair for disguise—had been a big-time crook for 26 years. A police say he was behind a bank robbery in Long Island, which netted \$4,000 dollars. It was Willie, they suspect, who engineered a \$600,000-dollar bank haul in Havana.

And certainly, police believe, he was the master behind a \$1,500,000-dollar hold-up in Boston. Once he dressed as a policeman to direct a robbery. He was caught when his car broke down with a faulty battery.

Two patrolmen saw him trying frantically to make it go and asked if they could help. Said Willie, as they held him in: "I'm tired of it all."

AFTER a mixed reception when it opened, New York

theatre critics now rave excitedly over Christopher Fry's verse play, "Venus Observed," with Rex Harrison and Lilli Palmer. Receipts for "David and Bathsheba" have topped the \$7,000,000 mark (\$2,500,000). Arthur Legner acquires the rights to "Seventh Heaven" (remember the movie versions of 1927 and 1937?), and is trying to persuade Cole Porter to write new songs and Frances Roland ("Carmen") Pettit to do the choreography.

SENATOR HOEY, head of a Senate investigating committee, said that a group headed by Mr. Joseph Casey, former Democrat Congressman, made a profit of 3,250,000 dollars (\$1,100,000) on an investment of 10,000 dollars (\$350,000) in surplus tankers. Eight ships are said to be involved.

Mr. Casey has acknowledged that he headed the group. He named other members as Admiral William F. Halsey, World War II commander, the late Edward Stettinius jun., wartime Secretary of State, and Mr. Julius C. Holmes, Minister to the U.S. Embassy in London.

Senator Hoey said he was arrested for speeding—the first man caught in a new police radar trap. He pleaded not guilty "because I wanted to see how the thing operated."

IN ROCHESTER, New York, State, strip-tease dancer Kiki Arnold, accused of putting on

too naughty an act at a local nightclub was asked by the judge to demonstrate it in court. She did so—and shocked herself so much that she promptly changed her plea from not guilty to guilty and was fined \$5 dollars (\$18).

NEW YORK POLICE are stunned to learn that plainclothes man James Fox is arrested as one of the daring gang that has been ransacking East avenue flats to the tune of hundreds of thousands of dollars. Said a head-shaking colleague: "With Jimmy there was no dames, no drinking, no gambling. When we'd call his home, he'd be home. He had a funny hobby though—he was always drawing plans of houses, real careful-like."

THE COURTS—New York's Hubert Delaney of Two York's Domestic Relations Court, creates a sensation by saying in a speech that there is so much heavy drinking among New York's judges "that they are not on the Bench half the time, and yet the Bar associations endorse them year after year."

IN Indianapolis, Jay York was arrested for speeding—the first man caught in a new police radar trap. He pleaded not guilty "because I wanted to see how the thing operated."



"I didn't scream..... I am singing....."

BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

THAT was a charming incident to a concert the other day when the conductor asked the audience to consent to a two-minute interval while a player repaired the mouthpiece of his clarinet. I remember an occasion in Vienna when someone who had a grievance against music tampered with the instruments before the concert began. While the orchestra was playing Korner's Meistersinger Overture it became evident that all was not well. A cello broke in two. The bridges fell off two violins. A French horn came to pieces. The wires of the harp snapped with a terrible twang beneath the straying fingers of the harpist. An oboe broke off short. A piccolo gave out a loud hissing, as though an angry swan were imprisoned in it.

So the long day wore on. The conductor, Fritz Semmering, pleaded for an interval, and very soon the place looked like a carpenter's shop. The players took off their coats and began to hammer and bang and twist and screw. There were cries for nails for timbers for brass fittings, for string. Even a commissionaire's spurs were pressed into service, to secure the broken ends of a tuba. Finally, with patched-up instruments the concert continued and the scarcely had two bars sounded the

ears of the audience when there was a loud report, and the conductor happened through a hole in the rostrum. That was all for that day.

I don't think so.

THE suggestion is that the lady in dark glasses and the photographer in the bowler hat may be authors of the above. I am not sure, but I am sure that the lady in dark glasses and the photographer in the bowler hat may be authors of the above.

Nothing to do with me. SHE was the bride of a North Country farmer, but a small amount of fat on her team back and between her and the cup for the winning pig.

"Round the came of a sudden came the pig," as the saying is.

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Take Your Time Before You Ruff

By OSWALD JACOBY

WHEN you want to ruff a losing card in the dummy, said Peter Leventritt, "don't be in too much of a hurry." Leventritt was talking to a group of advanced students at the famous Card School, in New York.

"The ruff won't run away," Peter continued, "use the ruffing trick at the time when it will do you the most good."

He demonstrated with the hand shown today. West leads the jack of spades, dummy plays the queen, and East wins with care. East returns the spade, and South wins with the king.

At this point South is in position to ruff his last spade in dummy—but he must not do so. As Leventritt pointed out, the ruff will not run away, and it will be more valuable later on at this stage.

South continues, instead, by drawing two rounds of trumps with the ace and king. Next he takes the ace and king of clubs and ruffs a club in his own hand.

South ruffs with one club, South at last finds it wise to ruff his spade.

WEST NORTH EAST
♠ J10982 ♠ A64 ♠ A109
♥ 73 ♥ 103 ♥ J98
♦ K765 ♦ Q976 ♦ Q976
♣ 103 ♣ K53 ♣ A882
♣ K42 ♣ A8

Both sides vul.

South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
2 ♥ Pass 3 ♥ Pass
4 ♥ Pass Pass Pass
Opening lead—♠ J

In dummy. This puts the lead in dummy at a time when declarer can ruff a second club.

The second club ruff establishes dummy's last club. South can then enter dummy with the ace of diamonds and lead the last club to discard a diamond. If East ruffs, he does so with the high trump, and South will later win a trick with his last trump.

If East discards, dummy's club represents declarer's tenth trick. In either case the contract is home.

If South ruffs his last spade in dummy, he can win the ace of diamonds and make his contract by means of an end play and some fancy guessing. However, the correct line of play assures the contract with no guessing at all. Simplest is best.

Q—The bidding is: South West North East
1 Spade Pass 1 N.T. Pass
You, South, hold: Spades A-K-7-4-3-2, Heart 9, Diamonds Q-J-7, Clubs K-3-2. What do you do?

A—Bid two spades. There is no game in this hand, because you have a near-mimic opening bid, and you have received a weak response. However, your spade length and heart strength indicate that it will be easier to make eight tricks at spades than seven tricks at no-trumps.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades A-K-7-4-3-2, Heart 9, Diamonds Q-J-7, Clubs A-K-2. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

CROSSWORD

Across
1. One way the poor sing. (6)
2. Unhappy ending a split atom. (10)
3. Headgear to remit. (6)
4. "You've heard of it being cast." (3)
5. Game to pounds and shillings but no pence. (11)
6. Seven times seven gives it. (6)
7. Fund holder. (7)
8. Work applied to another material. (6)
9. A mixed bag. (5)
10. It's the cost of the thing. (8)
Down
1. To toy it's the king-ape. (4)
2. Frequently in view recently. (4)
3. Put on the cushioned seat. (4)
4. If a blind eye. (6)
5. Join up so as to be refreshed. (6)
6. How perfect change of duty. (7)
7. Didied out of threepence. (4)
8. Officers are the other. (4)
9. Briefly the colonel included the runners. (6)
10. To come after. (6)
11. Bridal accessory. (4)
12. Part of a steed recognized by mottos. (6)
13. Solution of Sunday's puzzle. Across: 1. Head; 2. Feet; 3. Feet; 4. Feet; 5. Feet; 6. Feet; 7. Feet; 8. Feet; 9. Feet; 10. Feet; 11. Feet; 12. Feet; 13. Feet; 14. Feet; 15. Feet; 16. Feet; 17. Feet; 18. Feet; 19. Feet; 20. Feet; 21. Feet; 22. Feet; 23. Feet; 24. Feet; 25. Feet; 26. Feet; 27. Feet; 28. Feet; 29. Feet; 30. Feet; 31. Feet; 32. Feet; 33. Feet; 34. Feet; 35. Feet; 36. Feet; 37. Feet; 38. Feet; 39. Feet; 40. Feet; 41. Feet; 42. Feet; 43. Feet; 44. Feet; 45. Feet; 46. Feet; 47. Feet; 48. Feet; 49. Feet; 50. Feet; 51. Feet; 52. Feet; 53. Feet; 54. Feet; 55. Feet; 56. Feet; 57. Feet; 58. Feet; 59. Feet; 60. Feet; 61. Feet; 62. Feet; 63. Feet; 64. Feet; 65. Feet; 66. Feet; 67. Feet; 68. Feet; 69. Feet; 70. Feet; 71. Feet; 72. Feet; 73. Feet; 74. Feet; 75. Feet; 76. Feet; 77. Feet; 78. Feet; 79. Feet; 80. Feet; 81. Feet; 82. Feet; 83. Feet; 84. Feet; 85. Feet; 86. Feet; 87. Feet; 88. Feet; 89. Feet; 90. Feet; 91. Feet; 92. Feet; 93. Feet; 94. Feet; 95. Feet; 96. Feet; 97. 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Bombay Tennis Tournament Concludes.

Manila, Mar. 3.
Britain's Mrs. Joy Mottram defeated Taipei's Mrs. L. Shang-kuo 6-2 and 6-1 to win the Women's Singles Championship of the Philippine National Tournament on Sunday.
The Philippine Men's Singles Champion, Felisimo Ampo retained his crown by defeating Raymundo Deyro, second-seeded Filipino, 3-0, 6-1, 6-0.—United Press.

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Prison O.C. v South China.

Nakano also had his quota of errors but was relatively the more steady. His experience stood him in good stead, following down the game with carelessly stroked deep shots and blunders were partly responsible for putting it off his game.

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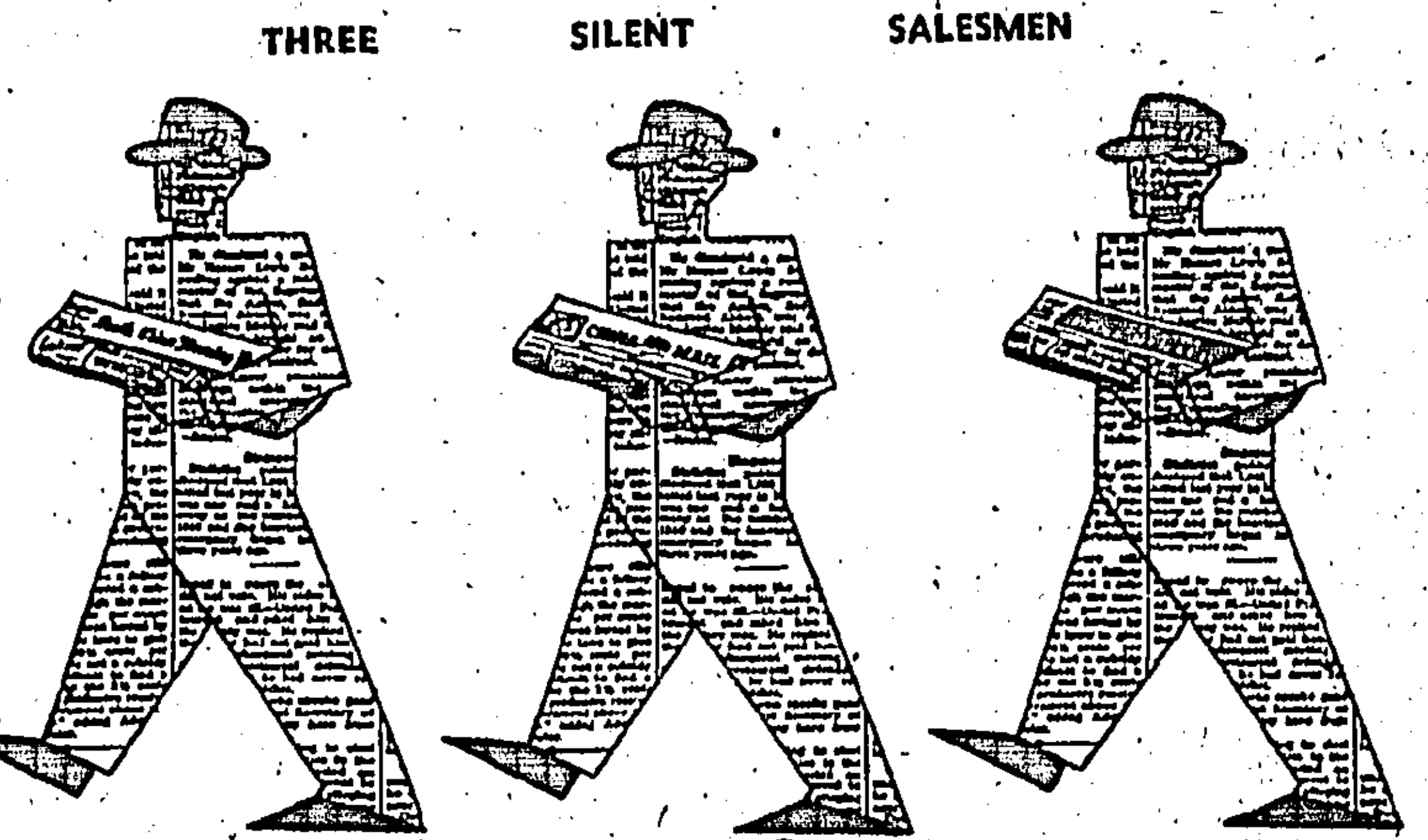
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It is hereby given that the Sixty-Third Ordinary

Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the

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Hongkong, on Wednesday, 26th March, 1952, at Noon,

for the purpose of receiving the Statement of Accounts

and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st

December, 1951, and to transact the ordinary business of

the Company.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed

from Wednesday, 12th March, 1952, until Wednesday,

26th March, 1952, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

SHEWAN TOMES & COMPANY LIMITED,

R. V. LEDERHOFER

Director

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Hongkong, 1st March, 1952.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 10th Yearly

General Meeting of the Members of the Hong Kong Club

will be held at the Club House on Tuesday, 25th

March, 1952, at 5.30 p.m.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at the same

place and on the same day at 6 p.m. or so soon afterwards

as the Ordinary General Meeting shall be concluded an

Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of the

Club will be held.

By Order of the Committee,

K. W. Kirby,

Secretary.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

IN "ARISTOTELUS"

Damage to cargo on this vessel will

be covered by Messrs. G. & J. G. & Co., Ltd.,

of 10, Market Street, Hong Kong, and

consignees are requested to have their

representatives present during the

survey.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Agents.

Hong Kong, March 1, 1952.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Proposal to change a Ship's name

We, China Shipping Co., Ltd. of 7, Queen's Road

Central, Hongkong, hereby give notice that in

consequence of the present name being undesirable to

the Owners, we have applied to the Minister of Transport

under Section 47 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894,

in respect of the Motorship "KOLA" of HONG KONG

REGISTRY Official Number 147054 Gross tonnage 1537.66

tons, Register tonnage 729.22 tons, heretofore owned by

China Shipping Co., Ltd., for permission to change her

name to "SAN ERNESTO" and to have her registered in the

new name at the Port of HONG KONG as owned by

China Shipping Co., Ltd.

Any objection to the proposed change of name

must be sent to the REGISTRAR OF SHIPPING at HONG KONG

within SEVEN days from the appearance of this advertise-

ment.

Dated at HONG KONG the 1st day of March, 1952.

CHINA SHIPPING CO., LTD.

C. NISSEN,

Director.

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The War Department has for disposal a number of

motor vehicles of various classes and conditions.

Enquiries regarding the purchase of these should be

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Signed R.J. MEECH, M.B.E.

LT. COL. R.A.O.C.

C.R.A.O.C. Land Forces, Hong Kong.

Old Ordnance Yard, Queen's Road, East,

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19th February, 1952.

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